

New York, March 3/97.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of New York City

My Dear Sir:

There is a law of the Board of Education of New York City which requires a male candidate for teacher in the New York Public Schools to be a college graduate. Although I have spent 5 years at college ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  yrs at Columbia College &  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years at the New York College) & have had an excellent record I am debarred from taking part in the male candidates examination. I wrote to ask if there was any way in which you might help me to become eligible so that I might have a chance to compete in the examinations.

It seems to me that the above requirement is unjust as it debars many who are well qualified to teach & able to pass the requisite examinations although they have not completed a college course.

Hoping you will consider the above matter I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Walter Seely.

530 West 182<sup>nd</sup> St.,  
New York City

P.S. By the way, the highest classified positions in the city civil service require no such qualification.

✓  
Your Honor!

Allow us to disturb you with these few lines. In which we wish to express you our desire. We are four friends, who would like to enlist in the U.S. Navy, for anything we may suit, our ages are 18-21. We applied there a few days ago, but without any use, without any examination, or any questions they marked our passes OK what means no good. We asked for some information of some of the mariners, they told us to call there often, we might get it. Your Honor we are poor working fellows we can't afford to loose a half a days work every time.

we go out there, for we can  
loose our jobs easy, then we  
are done for good. So your  
Honor we beg you to help  
us out in some way, as Mayor  
of the City of New York.  
You have as much power to  
assist us with a few lines  
recommened with your sig-  
nature, or appoint us a time  
for an interview.

Yours Respectfully

Adolph Seidman

N<sup>o</sup> 80 9<sup>th</sup> E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. City

David Goodman

Eugene Goodman

In care of

Edward Klein

Mr. P. Weiss.

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.,  
MILLS BUILDING,

NEW YORK, Jan 19 1897

My dear Mayor

This will introduce  
to you Mr. Wm Starfield whom  
I have known for the past 15 years.

Mr Starfield is desirous  
of being appointed one of the  
Commissioners of Estimate for  
the New park on the East Side  
\*I would consider it a  
personal favor if you would  
recommend him to the  
Corporation Council for appoint-  
ment.—

With kind regards  
I am

Yours truly  
Jay Seligman  
To Hon W. L. Terry  
Mayor

Referred to  
*Corporate Council*

JAN 19 1897  
for examination and report.

W. L. Strong,

MAYOR.

Police Department of the City of New York.

Precinct No. ....

New York, Sept. 4. 1897.

Honorable William J. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City  
Respected Sir

Believing that you  
might not have fully understood  
the request made to you, in the  
letter written by Mr. James J. Wertz  
a few days since, I felt the  
liberty of addressing these few lines  
to you explaining the reason the  
request was made. I am the —  
Young Man who was for so  
many years in the employ of  
Mr. Wertz in the Dry Dock Store

And nearly one year ago my  
being desirous of advancement  
in the Police Department. Wfr. Wentz  
Wfr. Joseph. Baumstark, and Wfr. Stedel  
Spoke to you about it. And through  
your kindness in endorsing a letter  
of Wfr. Wentz to you and sending  
the same to Police Headquarters I  
was made a Randoman, and being  
desirous of retaining my present  
position, during the many changes  
that are now being made in  
the department. I spoke to  
Wfr. Wentz a few days since  
in reference to same. & Wfr. Wentz  
kindly wrote the letter which  
I handed to you in your office  
a few days ago. Wfr. Wentz and  
Wfr. Leberary think the same would

Police Department of the City of New York.

Precinct No. ....

New York, ..... 189

Have the desired pleasure  
thanking you for your  
kindness with life-

J. J. Reman  
Very Respectfully, Yours  
James B. Reman  
Guardman. 33<sup>d</sup> Precinct

138 East 28 St  
N. Y. City

March 13<sup>th</sup> 1897

Hon W. L. Strong  
Dear Sir.

Hearing you speak on many occasions at public meetings, as well as a few nights previous to your election to the honorable position which you have so honestly & faithfully filled for the past 2 years, I was emboldened (some 8 months since) to ask you for some position of trust.

I made my application to your Honor about last August or Sept. You were kind enough to reply, through your respected & energetic Secretary (Mr. Heagles) that I was to make application for a position through the Civil Service.

On receipt of your letter I applied for the position of "Boatage Attendant" in the Dept. of P. Parks. I passed the physical Examination on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January last & am therefore on the eligible list. Mr. Mayor, I shall take it

(2)  
as a great favor if you will be kind enough  
to send me a line or two to be presented (in my  
favor) to one or the other of the Com<sup>rs</sup> of P. P.

asking for my appointment as "Cottage At-  
tendant" immediately & I am sure I will be  
able to get my appointment soon. It is about  
8 months since I sent in my application at your  
suggestion.

I am well suited for the position I seek  
as I am a farmer son & have been employed  
for several years as an Agricultural Teacher.

There are 2 of my sons on the reformed  
Police Force & one in the National Guard  
(First Battery). I have 4 votes in my own  
family & can control about 100 more through  
my friends.

If you do me this favor I shall do  
all in my power to promote your interest &  
the interest of the Republican party to which I have  
the happiness to belong. Was glad to hear  
Mr. Heides speak with such very good effect  
in this locality before election.

I can show the very best references  
from my last employer J. D. & G. E. Grimmins  
by whom I was employed on the Cable roads  
for nearly 4 years as watchman, foreman, property  
clerk & time keeper. I can also refer you to

the Republican leader of this the 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly  
Dist Jas R. Stewart Esq & to James McMillon  
388 Third Avenue Captain of the 8<sup>th</sup> election  
Dist of the 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly Dist.

I am a member of the Garfield Club  
of this Dist.

Trusting that you will kindly accede  
to my request & hoping that you will be  
in favor of the Greater New York,  
Remain

very respectfully

M. C. Sexton

Hon W. L. Strong

Easton

Mar 24/97

Am Mayn Strong

Dear Sir.

Hearing of your goodness  
and kindness of heart towards young  
men and how you are always so  
ready to give a helping hand to a  
young man who is deserving I take  
this opportunity to write to you and to  
ask you to try and help me to a  
situation. I am a young married  
man of 24 and am almost crazy  
from trying to find work. I feel sure  
that if you would you could find  
a place for me in Colonel Turnings  
staff or elsewhere. Hoping you will  
pardon the liberty I take in writing to  
you. I remain,

Yours Very Respectfully

George Seybold

66 West 133<sup>rd</sup> St. N. Y.

City

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1892

To the Mayor of  
the City of New York  
Your Honor

My Self And —

My Father before me  
has ever been good Supporter  
of the Republican Party  
we never looked for a  
favor or took a dollar  
I am 35 years old and  
never need for a dollar  
or a favor of any one  
while I got up Clubs  
and done quite work

Now if it would Please  
your Honor - you Could and try hard to <sup>turn</sup> it  
do me one of the - your way

greatest favors of my  
life by giving me  
a Letter to the  
Superintendent of the  
Elevated Rail Road

Very Respectfully  
James Shea  
154 E. 100  
City

I Can now well Recommended  
by Privat Citizens -  
if this should meet  
with your Honors  
approval I. Can assure  
you it will be private  
as I shall say nothing  
to any Person -  
and if it ever comes  
my way. I. Shall Put my  
Shoulder to the wheel

FREDERIC H. BETTS,  
J. E. HINDON HYDE,  
SAMUEL R. BETTS,  
JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,  
L. F. H. BETTS.

LAW OFFICES  
OF  
BETTS, HYDE & BETTS,  
EQUITABLE BUILDING, 120 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK CITY.

TELEPHONE, 1324 CORTLANDT.  
CABLE ADDRESS, "MIRAGE, NEW YORK."

NEW YORK, February 9th, 1897. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall, New York.

My dear Colonel Strong:-

An old college friend of mine, Dr. Samuel K. Bremner, has asked me to write you in his behalf with reference to a vacancy among the trustees of St. John's Guild, for which vacancy I understand he is an applicant.

Dr. Bremner informs me that his specialty is children and children's diseases.

I have seen very little of Dr. Bremner since college days, but I know that he went through the Harvard Medical School and has been recently practicing his profession in New York; and I believe him to be a man who would discharge the duties of such a position with zeal and faithfulness.

Very sincerely yours,

*James R. Sheffield*



RICHARD SHEPHERD, JR., VICE PRES.

M  
The

Consolidated Gas Company,  
Of New York.  
STREET DEPARTMENT,  
BRANCH 3.

63d Street and Ave. A.

#140 West 61 St.  
New York May 13<sup>th</sup> 189

Hon. Job. E. Hedges  
City Magistrate

Dear Sir:

If you have not made your appointment of clerk for your court I should like to be considered in regard to same. I have been a republican since I have had a vote and can refer you to such republican's as John Reismueller, Wilson Berryman, Robert Miller, Wm. J. Matthews, George W. Wanamaker, and Hon. Charles A. Tamm.

I have never held public office, but would be pleased to serve under you, and should you see fit to appoint me I will never give you cause to regret your action.

Should you wish to know anything about me if you will inquire from the Hon. George W. Palmer Comptroller of the City of Brooklyn he will tell you who I am, as he has known me for the past ten years.

Enclosed you will find a card which will explain itself also a cut which will let you know what I look like.

Hoping for a favorable consideration

I am yours very truly  
Richard Shepard

STEPHEN B. STANTON.  
P. TECUMSEH SHERMAN.

LAW OFFICE  
OF  
**SHERMAN & STANTON,**  
59 WALL STREET.

TELEPHONE NO. 1399 BROAD.  
CABLE ADDRESS, "AEGIUM," NEW YORK.


NEW YORK, June 28th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor &c.

Dear Sir;

I take the liberty of calling to your attention the fact that the term of Mr. Rudolph E. Schirmer, as School Inspector of the 12th. School District expires on the 1st. of July. In behalf of the Board of Inspectors I respectfully urge his reappointment. Mr. Schirmer has been most interested and active in the work, and is probably the most intelligent and able member of the Board, of which he has been a member less than a year.

Yours respectfully,



Chairman, of the Board of Inspectors of the 12th. School Inspection District.

STEPHEN B. STANTON.  
P. TECUMSEH SHERMAN.

LAW OFFICE  
OF  
**SHERMAN & STANTON,**  
59 WALL STREET.

TELEPHONE No. 1399 BROAD.  
CABLE ADDRESS, "AEGIUM," NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24th. 1897.

Bion L. Burrows Esq.  
Sec'y.

Dear Sir;

In answer to the Mayor's enquiry in yours of yesterday I would ~~that~~ say that I most strongly approve of the idea of appointing Mrs. Herbert Adams of 42 W. 15th. Street a school inspector of the 12th. District. I would remind you however what I stated before that some of the other members of the Board of Inspectors prefer to have a man.

Yours very truly,

*P. T. Sherman*

114 Madison St. N.Y.,

April 21/97.

To the hon. Mr. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of N.Y.

Kind Sir:— I have heard  
of all of the kind and noble  
deeds which you have done  
for some of the poor people of  
our city. In view of this, I take  
the great liberty of requesting  
you to help me in securing  
a position. I most fervently  
hope that you will in my case  
show that great sympathy which  
you are capable of.

I am a young man

twenty years of age, and have been out of work for a long time. I was ~~at~~ the main support of my mother and six brothers and sisters. You can therefore easily comprehend the anguish and suffering which we have undergone, through me not being able to secure work. I am willing to work very hard, if I could only get a position.

Mr Mayor, could you not help me in securing work. I can run an elevator, and have also done porter work. If you could get me a job as an elevator runner, or on the Manhattan elevated road, or on the ferry boats to do

either porter work or as ticket  
chopper, or in fact any thing  
else, I am sure you would be  
greatly rewarded by the Almighty  
God for such a noble deed. <sup>that</sup>  
You would have the heartfelt  
thanks of myself, my mother,  
and brothers and sisters.

Oh, Mr. Mayor, I hope you  
will give attention to my  
appeal for work, and that  
your sympathy may be awak-  
ened and extended in my  
behalf. Thanking you beforehand  
for what you may do for me,  
I remain Your humble  
Servant,

Louis Shulberg.

114 Madison St.

age 20. City.

The Fourth National Bank,  
14 Nassau St.

J. EDWARD SIMMONS, President  
JAMES G. CANNON, Vice President  
C. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

New York, May 1, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,  
City Hall,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I know you are always on the lookout for good men for the Board of Education, and you know that I have been for many years deeply interested in the success of the Educational Department of our city.

I see by the public press that a vacancy now exists in the Board, created by the death of the late Mr. Van Arsdale, and it gives me pleasure to suggest for this place Mr. Gherardi Davis a resident of New York, and a respected member of the bar. Mr. Davis was educated in France. He is an accomplished scholar and in every way qualified to discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner with credit to himself and benefit to the city.

I respectfully ask that you give consideration to his name, assuring you at the same time that his appointment would be in every sense a wise one for you to make.

Believe me,

Very respectfully yours,

*J. Edward Simmons*

BELVOIR TERRACE,  
LENOX, MASS.

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr Mayor

Will you  
allow me to suggest, that  
on appointing a Park  
Com on the place of Mr  
Styts deceased, it would  
be pleasing to some extent  
to have one who is in sym-  
-pathy with the Museums  
Botanical & Zoologic Gardens

approach - All these  
associations are growing  
& are of great benefit to  
the people & as they are  
more or less much the  
center of the Park Board  
I think it would not be  
amiss were there one  
member of that board who  
would put a lively  
interest in the Lincoln

& growth of the African  
institutions - I would  
therefore respectfully  
suggest the name of  
J. Thompson North

I am dear Sir  
Sincerely  
Yours  
Wm. McKim  
H. H. Brown  
Wm. McKim

New York March 8/97  
Hon. W<sup>m</sup> L. Stearns  
Mayor of New York  
Dear Sir  
Excuse the

Liberty taken in addressing you on  
a matter, that no doubt may appear  
presumptuous on my part

I herewith make formal Application  
for the position of Supt of Cut-Poor  
Poor in place of Supt Blake deceased  
I am now Supt of "Belt" Line and  
have been connected with the Company  
for 28 Yrs. I am 43 Yrs of Age  
married, born in New York City of  
German descent, and able to converse  
in German or translate either way.  
My Character and Reputation can  
readily be ascertained. Have never

sought or held any Public Office.

My aim has always been to merit the approval of my Superior Officers. Consider my training and handling of men and People of different nationalities of some advantage, in a position as applied for. Am not dissatisfied with the position I am filling, but simply make this Application, owing to the increase of Salary. Can assure you that no effort on my part would be lacking in filling said position with honor and credit to those endorsing me. Have not spoken or mentioned this matter to any Person. Should you think favorable of my application I will cheerfully <sup>comply</sup> with all the references you may desire. I remain

Respectfully

John Dittler  
789 - 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ledy

R.R. Office

UNION LEAGUE CLUB  
NEW YORK

Aug 24 1897

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> W L Strong  
Mayor of New York

Dear Sir,

The time of  
service, as an Inspector  
in the 20<sup>th</sup> School  
District, of Dr Geo  
Cramin 848 Lexington  
Avenue having expired,  
I take pleasure in  
recommending his  
re-appointment as the

unanimous expression  
of every one serving at  
this time as members  
of the Board of Inspr  
of the 20th District.

I am  
Very truly  
Yr obedt Servt  
J. J. Shuman  
Secretary.

## **SMALL PARKS COMMITTEE.**

**Former Mayor Hewitt May Have the Chairmanship if He Accepts.**

Mayor Strong announced this morning that he would in a few days appoint an advisory committee on small parks. Former Mayor Abram S. Hewitt will probably be named as Chairman of the committee if he will accept.

The other members have not yet been selected, but the Mayor is in correspondence with several men in reference to the matter. The committee will consist of three or five members, and they will serve without salary.

The committee is to be appointed to look over the field and select locations for small parks on the East and West sides in the tenement house districts, as provided for in various acts of the Legislature. On the report of this committee the Board of Estimate will appropriate the money.

No 109 East 46<sup>th</sup> St  
New York City  
May 2, 1897

W. L. Strong  
Mayor

Sir,

I am an applicant for  
the "Advisory Com. on Small Parks"  
I am doing a lot of such work  
where there is no pay and I rather  
enjoy it. If you need any one  
send for me. I shall be pleased  
to serve. Shall I call at your  
Office on this subject?

Yours Respectfully  
Henry C. Southworth

*Converse, Stanton & Cullen,*  
*Dry Goods Commission Merchants,*

*33 & 35 North Street, New York. 233 Market Street, Chicago.*  
*62 Franklin Street, Boston. 618 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.*

*New York,*

April 9th., 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in introducing  
Col. Fred Martin who desires to have a short personal interview  
with you in relation to the position of Police Commissioner.

Yours very truly,

*Walter Stanton*

The Brooklyn Savings Bank.

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 29<sup>th</sup> 1894

Hon. William L. Strong  
(My dear Mr. Strong)

This will introduce to you  
Genl. J. J. Morrison, now Assistant Appraiser  
for Port of New York.

Genl. Morrison is desirous of re-  
appointment, or retention of the Office he now  
holds. He was a Gold Democrat and  
worked faithfully for the election of Mr. McKim.

He is strongly endorsed by Walter H.  
Burton the Appraiser, and by Gov. Flower  
Messrs. Harrity, Ed. M. Shepard, & Messrs. Aitken  
Son & Co.

If you can say a good word  
for Genl. Morrison, to Secretaries Gage  
or Bliss - I would consider it a  
favor to me, and a great service to  
a faithful official in the Revenue Service

Very Respectfully

Yours &c

Byron A. Smith

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# The Equitable Life Assurance Society

OF THE UNITED STATES,

No. 120 Broadway, New York.

GEORGE DRAKE SMITH,  
Special Agent.

N. Y. N. Y. 8/97

Mr. W. L. Strong  
my Dear friend =  
This is to inform you  
that I have written you "officially"  
to City Hall that I would be  
pleased of appointment as Supt  
of Outdoor Poor = If you think  
I could fill "the bill" =  
Faithfully Yours,  
Geo Drake Smith

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City.

Honored Sir:-

The undersigned, recognizing the valuable services rendered to the Northside of the city by Mr. George Drake Smith, and the untiring energy exerted for every good cause in the district, respectfully ask you to reward him by appointment to some post of honor and responsibility.

The fact of his War record and the vote of confidence by the people, in addition to his continuous unselfish public work and loyalty would make such an act on your part a credit to your administration and his ability of great service in any post that you might give him.

Respectfully yours,

New York City,  
March 23rd, 1897.

*J. A. Goulden*  
*W. M. Miles Jr.*  
*Geo. W. Hammett*  
*Chas. Hilton Brown.*  
*Arthur F. Sedell*

*Charles L. Guy*  
*Geo. J. Grossman*

July 2<sup>nd</sup> '97

823 EAST 138th ST.,  
NEW YORK.

To the Honorable Mayor  
Dear Sir

I saw in the World  
a few days since that you had advised Gen Collins to go ahead soon with public works improvements

I am one of the large army of men who are out of work. I have been out of employment for the past year with the exception of an occasional job of a day or two, and I am greatly in need of work.

I am not able to do heavy or hard work on account of Chronic Rheumatism, but I would like to get work as a day watchman, time-keeper or some such light work as that on some of the improvements in the widening of Elm street for

instance—

Not being a politician or acquainted with any of the head men of either party is my excuse for inflicting <sup>on</sup> you this letter

I have a wife who is an invalid, to support, is my main excuse for wanting work. I am an old Veteran <sup>(pensioner)</sup> of the late war and also voted for your Honor in the last election, but do not say this to influence you in any way

If you could help me or advise me in any way to get some employment you will receive the grateful thanks of an old Vet who is greatly in need of work only

I am my dear Sir  
Yours truly

Henry H. Smith

April 20 1897.

To

Mayor W. L. Strong  
New York.

Sir:

I beg to solicit your help in giving me some employment under your administration. During the past ten years I have represented a New York mercantile house abroad & resided in Australia, India, Aden and recently at Tangitar. My health giving out I was obliged to return home, and am now in good health, but

without a position.

I am willing to turn my hand to almost anything and trust you can offer me some kind of work.

I can furnish you with references from my late employers.

Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

W. Bowden Smith

Address

W. Bowden Smith  
167 Broadway  
N.Y.  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

May 8-97

Hon William V. Strong Mayor  
Dear Sir,

I am a resident and  
tax payer in the neighborhood of 64<sup>th</sup>  
St + 2<sup>nd</sup> St. I want to complain  
about a Frame Stable that is being  
built at 64<sup>th</sup> St. N. E. Cor of 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
it is 25 x 50 ft 13 ft in height  
which I think is a violation of the  
law I have wrote to the Sup<sup>r</sup> of the  
building dep<sup>t</sup> about this matter and see  
nothing has been done to stop it. I  
write to your Honor asking you to  
move in this matter hoping you will  
attend to it I remain

Respectfully  
J. P. Smith

J. D. OLIVER,  
President.

WM. G. WALSH,  
Gen'l M'g'r.

J. E. ARNOLD,  
Sec. & Treas.

THE GREATER NEW YORK  
MERCANTILE AND PROFESSIONAL AGENCY  
FOR EXPERT HELP,  
INCORPORATED.

STEWART BUILDING,  
ROOM 283,  
280 BROADWAY,  
TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

NEW YORK,

July 7, 1897.

Hon. Mr. L. Shing.  
New York.

My dear Sir.

I called at your office on  
Saturday morning last to see you  
personally - but ascertained you  
had left for Saratoga. and being  
anxious to state my case to you -  
knowing your kind heart, I have  
concluded to write you.

My family - all deceased - and  
myself alone - with no one to go to  
at any hour of affliction I feel  
I can come to you from a warmer  
sympathy of nothing else.

My family - father & brothers were

Masons. I frequently heard them  
speak when a child of the "I and  
A. M." "Mystic Shrine", "Clarks and  
Tys." and "Knight Templar". My  
husband was a Mason - and  
was a ring called "32". The number  
of Lodge - I do not know nor am I  
able in any way to say where  
this was. I was a child when  
this was taken from me. My  
husband died when I was sixteen  
years old & I can tell nothing  
about this Lodge. You must  
however know I am connected  
with Masonic family by which I  
can recall. I am trying to seek  
a position. Am a graduate of Vassar  
College and can give the highest  
reference. Am a Stenographer and  
am 28 years old. Think nothing of  
illness & death and my own

J. D. OLIVER,  
President.

WM. G. WALSH,  
Gen'l M'gr.

J. E. ARNOLD,  
Sec. & Treas.

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TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

NEW YORK, ..... 189

From illness I was compelled to  
resign position I had months ago.  
While situated so I could I gave  
a great deal to the poor. & now  
I am down with no one to call  
on. Whom I have confide in. I  
have been able within the time  
to liquidate my expenses until the  
past 6 weeks, and have used  
every effort to get a position.  
My business is at a stand still.  
& will be until employers take  
their annual vacation, when I  
feel I will be able to secure  
temporary engagements until  
the fall business begins.  
My family were all Republicans.

and fought for the dear old  
flag. I having fell in battle  
at Cedar Creek under the brilliant  
Command of Gen. McKinley. I  
am thoroughly American and  
my Uncle Gen. Winfield Scott -  
was the hero of the Mexican war -  
I mention all this so you will  
know I am worthy of your  
sympathy.

It is the first time in my  
life I ever called on any one  
& I have been a widow - all  
alone, for 12 years.

I have no family - I do ask  
you to assist me to the amount  
of \$12.00 - a sum I can soon  
repay - to tide me over with  
my room rent. as it is  
passed due, & they demand it -  
& it is 5 weeks in arrears. I say

J. D. OLIVER,  
President.

WM. G. WALSH,  
Gen'l M'gr.

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This summer because by the time  
you return I feel I can earn it  
& repay you & I propose to do so.  
I have sold my clothing & done  
everything in my power before  
asking you for temporary relief.  
& I beg you ~~to~~ care nothing of  
this for I feel humiliated. Upon  
your return to America I am sure  
I will see you personally & redeem  
my obligation. I beg to thank you  
in advance for any assistance  
you feel able to render on lines  
suggested.

Will you please address me  
as below. Very respectfully -  
Mrs. J. Q. Smith  
Co. of Mr. J. D. Oliver, Stewart Bldg.  
City

My Dear Mr Strong.

Pardon my  
seeming presumption  
and permit me to  
introduce myself to  
you, as a very devoted  
mother, with a son,  
a young man, a  
Photographer, doing  
outside work, such as  
buildings, interiors,  
&c. His business  
is dull. He is married  
and depends entirely  
upon his earnings.

At present he is very  
anxious to obtain  
other employment

And a good republican.

I have lived a life of devotion  
for my boy. And it gives me  
greatly to see him so want-  
and I unable to assist him, to  
any extent. His one passion  
is to get sufficient money together  
to get a home in the Country  
and keep a country farm.  
As his wife is very desirous of a  
life in the Country.

I sincerely hope you will not  
cast this aside, and deem it the  
ramblings of a foolish person.

You could not but find your way  
to more worthy persons, though  
my station in life is not what  
it has been in the past. My imme-  
diate family are in touch with  
yourself. And our family minister  
is Rev. Henry Tuttle. I trust you  
will think kindly of my appeal.  
And if you cannot do any thing  
for my boy. Let me know a line  
from your own hand if possible.

on work, in his line.

I appeal to you,  
(though I feel it is an  
injustice, for you are  
such a busy man,)  
but feel that you  
will interest yourself  
if it is a possible  
thing, to obtain him  
something. After you  
have seen his work.  
Perhaps you know  
some one who would  
like to have their homes  
or buildings photographed.  
He is a fine looking  
young man. Never drinks  
any intoxicants. A. God  
for us. Perseus.

I will highly appreciate  
it. As I esteem you  
highly. our most  
excellent and able  
Mayor.

Yours most Respectfully  
Mrs. W. Smith  
415 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St.

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New York, *July 1. 1897*

*Hon. W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong*  
*Mayor*

*Sir:—*

*Rather than trespass upon your valuable time, I take the liberty of addressing you upon the subject of the now existing vacancy of the position of "Weighmaster" in the Fire Department.*

*I flatter myself that I have filled the position of Labor Clerk, which I hold through your kindness, with credit to your administration and myself. In view of the bill now before the Legislature, the Labor Bureau is a very uncertain institution and I have spoken to Commissioner Sturgis of myself as a possible candidate for the position of Weighmaster. Further, the position of Labor Clerk is considerably underpaid when compared to similar positions in other Departments.*

*If I may be allowed to make such comparison would cite the following:— Appointment clerk in D.S.C.— \$1800, Dept Public Works. \$2500.*

*I am eligible for position of Weighmaster, as candidates for the position are*

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New York,

to be drawn from the eligible list of Purchasing Agent, upon which list I am first with a percentage of 100.

I deem it my duty and eminently so, to take no further steps without your being advised of them

Very Respectfully Submitted

J. A. Spencer

Labor Clerk

Civil Service Commission

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New York, Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong  
Mayor New York City

Dear Sir:

As secretary of "The New York Christian Police Association" of 235 West 30<sup>th</sup> St. I wish to ask you if it be in your province to select a Christian man, who may favor such work as we are attempting, for Police Commissioner.

Also to favor Commissioner Andrews for President of the Board. He has seemed most kindly disposed toward the N.Y. C.P.A. Ours is un denominational and non partisan. We only hope to be a real help spiritually morally and educationally for the men.

Thanking you in advance for your kindly interest I am yours very sincerely

J. L. Spicer  
Secy N.Y. C.P.A.

W. T. Fennell, N.Y. June 22/67  
Hon. Major Strong &  
My dear Mr Strong:  
You may  
remember, that some  
four weeks since,  
I wrote you ask-  
ing if you would  
not have Scott  
appoint my son as  
another Street  
Commissioner? As  
you are always so  
punctilious in  
acknowledging letters  
I rather wonder

at <sup>my</sup> ~~the~~ evening from  
you. You were very  
kind to have him  
appointed as the  
other one: but, as  
that will only find  
him at four

meetings, I did  
think you would  
be very glad to aid  
a deserving young  
man, by having  
Scott appoint  
him as another  
in which, he could  
make some money.  
I know you

will, for my sake, be  
glad to do this; &  
therefore, at the  
expense of your  
thinking me a bore,

I ask once more, if  
you will not very  
kindly look into this  
personally, & secure  
my son something  
which may help him  
of course. I

am not influential  
politically; but with  
you, that does not

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count. Anyway,  
Kindly see if you  
cannot aid my  
son in this.

Faithfully Yours,

Wm. L. Stone

Hon. Marya Stoney.

I enclose his  
card—

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To. Orange  
Tue. April 6. 1897

Hon. H<sup>m</sup> I. Strong, -

Dear Sir:

I happened a few days ago, to see the copies of three letters that were written to you two years ago, by W<sup>m</sup> Charlton T. Lewis, Austin Abbott, & Charles H. Peckham, in behalf of my uncle, H<sup>m</sup>

C. Hornin. My Uncle  
had had great business  
trouble - & was most  
anxious for a situation.  
& thought it might  
be possible for you  
to give him an ap-  
pointment. As a very  
young man, he was  
in the City Bank, &  
has since been a  
broker. Nothing came  
of his application at  
that time - but it  
has occurred to me

you may be able to  
help him now. At  
any rate, there can be  
no harm in asking.  
& I have heard you  
are glad to help  
where you can. Please  
consider this confidential.  
No one knows of my  
writing: I can not  
refrain from making  
this effort for my  
Uncle, knowing how  
he needs work.  
His address is

309 H-103<sup>rd</sup> St.

Very truly yours  
Elizabeth Strong

Wm. H. L. Strong  
Mayor of New York -

New York  
Jan. 14, 1897

Mr W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong.

Dear Sir.

Having heard of you being a  
Charitable Gentleman I have  
taken the liberty to write you  
these few lines

I am a young  
man of good character but in poor  
circumstances and having had  
the misfortune of loosing my

Father & Mother during the  
past year I have two sisters &  
two brothers to support and am  
out of employment at present I  
ask you a favor to use your influence  
in my behalf and secure me  
employment of some kind.

Hoping you will grant  
me this one request and to hear

From you as soon as  
possible

I Remain  
Yours Respectfully  
Dennis Sullivan  
# 231 East 73 St  
New York  
City

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ENCLOSURE.

March 9th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor's Office,  
New York City.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter from Hon. Augustus J. Ricks, United States Circuit Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, expressing his earnest wish that Lieutenant Commander Charles P. Perkins, of the United States Navy, should be appointed Commander of the Steam Ship St. Mary, when that position becomes vacant, as Judge Ricks informs me will be the case within a short time.

I beg leave to commend the application warmly to you.

Very respectfully,

(P)

Wager Swayne

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September 20th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor's Office,  
New York City.

My dear Sir:

The present Commissioner of Charities having been removed by appointment, to a federal office, I beg to suggest that Mr. William S. Bagg, of this City, be appointed for the interval between now and the expiration of the term of the present incumbent.

There is, of course, nothing of personal advantage to Mr. Bagg in such an appointment, but I have reason to believe there would be much advantage to the public.

Very respectfully,

(P)

*Wager Swayne*

New York Jan, 26/97

To his Honor W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong.

My dear Sir:-

Knowing that you are  
a very kind gentleman; & that  
you are very kind to the  
poor. As I am out of a  
situation, I take the liberty  
of writing to your Honor, in  
like hope, that I may get  
a situation in your dry goods  
house, in which your Honor is  
at the head of. I am a young  
fellow 18 years of age, & reside  
with my parents at 155 Delancey  
St. N.Y. I am a pretty quick  
penman, good, & correct at figures  
& have a fair knowledge of  
book-keeping. I worked for  
Messrs. J. T. Fellen Co. 159 Ave.

for 6 months. ~~when~~ I am not  
working now because of the  
firm's retirement from business  
in U. S. If you havenot  
a vacancy to be filled  
in your employ, would you  
not be kind enough to  
recommend me to some  
of the firms that Your Honor  
may know. Hoping to receive  
a favorable reply,

I remain  
Respectfully yours.  
Morris Goodman  
155 Delancy St.  
New York

598 St. Ann's Ave.  
N. Y. March 31<sup>st</sup> 1897.

C

Honorable William L. Strong Mayor  
of New York.

Dear Sir.

In desperation I address this letter to you hoping it will reach you. Knowing it to be very presumptuous yet I hope it will touch your kind heart. My story is very sad, yet I make it as short as possible. My husband is a Lawyer and a few years ago invested \$25,000 in real Estate and lost all. Of course he neglected his practice and by the time ~~my~~ everything was settled there was nothing for him to do but look for a position he tried with great Perseverence for nearly two years and offering himself for very

humiliating work but he has not succeeded. We are both distracted as we have 3 small children and no money and no credit besides my health is getting very bad. I would not write this letter if my husband had not been so very good and kind to his family. He deserves every encouragement. All I ask of your Honor is that you <sup>will</sup> not pass over this letter without some action on your part to see if you cannot give him something to do to keep our humble home together and if it is only \$10. a week. He cannot stand the strain on his nerves any longer and I know his life is depending on obtaining speedy employment. I beg of you to graciously grant my husband or myself a personal interview and I shall never forget your kindness. My husband has the very best of references should you desire to see them.

Hoping you will grant my prayer  
I remain your obedient servant  
Mrs. Frances Therry.

P.S. May I beg of you to consider  
this letter private.

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Positions held by

T. KENNARD THOMSON, C. E., (Toronto Univ.)  
M. AM. SOC. C. E.

CANADIAN PACIFIC R. R. (Rocky Mountain Div.)  
1883-1886. Rodman and Asst. Engr.

References: Mr. James Ross, page 11.  
Mr. W. A. Doane, page 2.

DOMINION BRIDGE CO.

1886-8. Draughtsman.

Mr. G. H. Duggan, page 3.  
References: Mr. Job Abbott, page 14.  
Mr. Ira Abbott, page 4.

PENCOYD BRIDGE CO.

1888-90. Draughtsman, Designer and  
Assistant Engineer.

References. Mr. C. C. Schneider, page 5.  
Mr. E. A. Schneider, page 6.

NORFOLK & WESTERN R. R. (Ohio Extension.)  
1890-91. Engineer of Bridges.

References: Mr. W. W. Coe, page 7.  
Mr. W. A. Doane, page 8.

C. M. JACOBS, Consulting Engineer.

1891-92. Supt. of Bridges.

References Mr. A. Allen, page 12.  
Mr. C. M. Jacobs, page 13.

THE YALE & TOWNE MFG. CO., (Crane Dept.)  
1892-93. Engineer of Construction.

References: Mr. J. W. Meserve.

Gen'l Testimonials: Prof. Galbraith, p. 1 & 9.  
Mr. Arthur Harvey, page 10.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES, ETC., Page 15.

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1

SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL SCIENCE,

Toronto, Ont., April 10th, 1889.

My Dear Thomson:

I have much pleasure in complying with your request for a letter of recommendation.

You graduated in the department of Civil Engineering in 1886 after taking the regular three years' course. The energy and enthusiasm you displayed in your studies were very marked. In the second year of your course you obtained the first prize for general proficiency. You have had very good opportunities for gaining practical experience in different branches of Engineering work since graduation, both in general railway and on iron bridge construction.

Knowing your character as I do, I feel safe in assuming that you have made the very best use of your opportunities. I feel no hesitation in predicting that you will have a successful professional career in so far as success depends upon energy, training and character.

Yours sincerely,

J. GALBRAITH,

Professor of Engineering,  
School of Practical Science, Toronto, Ont.

(Copy.)

2

OREGON PACIFIC RAILROAD,

Corvallis, Oregon, Mar. 22, 1888.

To whom it may concern:--

The bearer of this, Mr. T. Kennard Thomson, C. E., was with me two seasons on the Mountain Division of the Canadian Pacific R. R. as draughtsman and assistant on bridge, trestle and tunnel work, and made himself familiar with designs (general and detail) used for all important structures on the work referred to. Later he has had important experience with the Dominion Bridge Company at Lachine.

Mr. Thomson is a graduate of the Toronto School of Science, and knowing him to be most industrious and earnest in his work, I take pleasure in stating that I think he will perform any duties that may be assigned to him, to the satisfaction of his employers.

W. A. DOANE,  
M. Am. Soc. C. E.

(Copy.)

3

DOMINION BRIDGE WORKS.

Montreal, Canada, March 10, 1888.

To whom it may concern:--

I have known Mr. T. Kennard Thomson in his professional capacity for the past four years, we having been together in the draughting office of the Mountain Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He was afterwards out in the field on the same Railway, and for the last two years has been employed in the draughting office of this Company.

I can confidently recommend him as a rapid and accurate draughtsman, well posted in bridge work and railroad construction in all its details.

G. H. DUGGAN,

Resident Engineer.

I might further state that Mr. Thomson is leaving entirely of his own accord, and much to my regret.

G. H. D.

(Copy.)

4

DOMINION BRIDGE WORKS,

Montreal, Canada, April 28, 1888.

To whom it may concern:--

Mr. T. Kennard Thomson has been in the employ of the Dominion Bridge Company for the last two years, and I take great pleasure in certifying to the good work done by him during that time.

He is a quick and accurate draughtsman, and well up in all the details of bridge construction.

He leaves us of his own accord to gain experience in other works.

DOMINION BRIDGE COMPANY (Limited),

Ira Abbott,  
Assistant Engineer.

(Copy.)

5

PENCOYD IRON WORKS,  
Bridge Department,  
Philadelphia,

May 25th, 1889.

To whom it may concern:--

This is to certify that Mr. T. Kennard Thomson has been employed as draughtsman and designer by us for about a year, and has proved himself to be a very competent man.

C. C. SCHNEIDER,

Chief Engineer,

Pencoyd Iron Works.

(Copy.)

8

PENCOYD IRON WORKS,

Philadelphia, Pa., May 24, 1889.

To whom it may concern:--

This is to certify that Mr. T. Kennard Thomson has been employed as draughtsman by this Company since June, 1888, and his work has been very satisfactory.

His main work here has been making general designs for pin and lattice bridges. He is an accurate and very rapid worker.

He leaves on account of going on the excursion to Europe with the Am. Soc. C. E.

E. A. SCHNEIDER.

(Copy.)

7

NORFOLK & WESTERN R. R.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 14th, 1891.

T. Kennard Thomson, Esq., C. E.,

Kenova, W. Va.

Dear Sir:--

It is with great pleasure that I testify to the engineering ability, good judgment and zeal with which you have conducted the special and important duties to which you were delegated in the construction of our Ohio Extension, and I wish to say that I consider that your engineering ability and good judgment in the design and careful inspection of work during its progress have aided very largely in securing to us bridges of excellent design and workmanship.

I regret exceedingly that you have thought best to resign your position with us.

You have my best wishes for success in future undertakings.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. W. COE,

Chief Engineer.

(Copy.)

8

NORFOLK & WESTERN R. R.

Ohio Extension.

Kenova, W. Va., January 8, 1892.

To whom it may concern:--

The holder of this letter, Mr. T. K. Thomson, has been with me for eighteen months in charge of the iron bridge work on the Ohio Extension. His duties have been to check over strain sheets, and working drawings, and he has had general charge of the inspection of the field work.

We have a large number of iron bridges on the road, and in addition to these, the bridge across the Ohio River here with a long viaduct approach.

Mr. Thomson has always proved himself quick and accurate in his work, and I can heartily recommend him to any one desiring a really good Bridge Engineer.

Yours very truly,

W. A. DOANE.

(Copy.)

9

SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

Toronto, Ont., May 30, 1892.

My dear Thomson:--

I have much pleasure in complying with your request for a testimonial.

You graduated from the School of Practical Science with high honors and since then have been employed in continuous practice.

Owing to your ability and character your progress has been unusually rapid and I have no hesitation in recommending you for any position in which ability, industry and determination are requisites.

Your certificates from former employers are a sufficient indication of your experience. Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

J. GALBRAITH,

(Director Sch. Prac. Science.)

To T. Kennard Thomson, Esq., C. E.

(Copy.)

10

Toronto, May 29, 1892.

Dear Sir:--

Referring to the application of Mr. T. Kennard Thomson for the position of City Engineer, I cannot ask you to consider my statements as unprejudiced, because he is by marriage connected with my family.

But as the son of a distinguished member of the Parliament of Canada, as a favorite student of the School of Science of Toronto, as a man who has had and who retains the confidence of those under whom he has served in various capacities for the past five years, whose standing raises him above all suspicion of wrong doing in positions of responsibility, as one who by travel has gained an insight into great works and whose chief ambition is to shine in his profession, I can justly claim that his application is well deserving of very attentive consideration.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours very faithfully,

ARTHUR HARVEY.

To

R. J. Fleming, Esq.,

Mayor of the City of Toronto.

(Copy.)

11

DOMINION BRIDGE CO., Ltd.

Lachine P. Q., July 25 1892.

To whom it may concern:--

I have known Mr. T. Kennard Thomson since 1883. He was employed on the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, over the plains and through the mountains, and was for three years under me as rod man, assistant engineer and draughtsman.

During that time he had a most varied experience; he was always most attentive to his duties and any work he undertook to do was done well. He is painstaking and careful.

From 1886 to 1888 he was employed in the draughting office of this company, and since then I have known of his career, and wherever he has been employed he has given entire satisfaction.

DOMINION BRIDGE CO.,

James Ross,

President.

Late

Manager of Construction,

Canadian Pacific R'y.

(Copy.)

12

ELMIRA, CORTLAND AND NORTHERN R. R.

General Superintendent's Office,

Cortland, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1892,

T. Kennard Thomson, Esq.,

Dear Sir:--As the work of rebuilding the viaducts on the Swartwood Hill is approaching completion, and you will probably be recalled to New York, I desire to express my entire satisfaction with the manner in which you have performed your duties; the zeal you have displayed, together with the watchfulness and care in every detail, are certainly commendable, and it is with much pleasure that I say so.

Should we have any important bridge work where the abutments form so largely a principal factor, I believe it would not be an easy matter to find a person so well equipped as you are.

Yours truly,

ALBERT ALLEN,

General Superintendent.

(Copy.)

13

C. M. JACOBS, C. E.,

192 Broadway.

New York, Oct. 22, '92.

Mr. T. Kennard Thomson,

445 Fifth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

My Dear Sir:--

It affords me very great pleasure in recording that during the twelve months you have acted as my superintendent of Bridges, both in the office and field; that you have demonstrated a complete knowledge of design and practical construction, and the zealous care and ability you have shown in the duties devolving upon you causes me to regret exceedingly the loss of your services.

Wishing you every success in the future, I remain,

Yours very truly,

CHARLES M. JACOBS.

(Copy.)

14

JOB ABBOTT,  
CONSULTING ENGINEER,  
150 Broadway, New York,

Nov. 4, '92.

T. Kennard Thomson, C. E.,  
445 Fifth St.,

Brooklyn, N. Y.,

Dear Sir:--I take pleasure in recalling your connection with the Engineering Staff of the Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd., of Montreal, P. Q., during the years 1886 to 1888, while I was President and Chief Engineer of that Co., and in certifying to your quick, accurate and steady work on plans and details on construction.

I have watched with interest your steady advance in knowledge of bridge designing, construction and erection during the past four years, in the States, where I have been gratified at the frequent expressions of approval of one who I am pleased to remember as "one of my boys" by your employeres, and have read with pleasure and profit your articles contributed to Engineering literature and shall be pleased at any time to recommend you to any parties requiring the services of a competent, conscientious and accurate Engineer, well grounded in the principles and practice of his profession.

Very truly yours,

JOB ABBOTT.

Writings of  
T. KENNARD THOMSON.

1883

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1885

From Rocky Mountain Div. of Can. Pac. R. R.

1884--An Essay on "ROADS, STREETS AND  
PAVEMENTS."

School of Practical Science.

1885--An Essay on "SANITARY ENGINEERING."

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Dec. Engineering Magazine.

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1894--NOTES ON CEMENTS.

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1894--DIAGRAM FOR PLATE GIRDER COVER PLATES.

Eng. News.

1883

1893

Record

of

T. KENNARD THOMSON,

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Bridge and

Structural Engineer,

Previous to opening

his office in

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Please file.

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New York July 17<sup>th</sup> 1897

To Mayor Strong  
City of New York  
Dear Sir

Being a republican for  
over 20 years and never having anything  
to do with politics beyond voting, I wish  
you to grant a favor to a man of my  
acquaintance who positively is a  
real charity. What I want is a line  
that will put him to work at anything.

This man is a stone cutter and is  
considered No 1 at his business - his  
early employment will avoid great misery.

This man is a Democrat but is  
truly deserving of your favor.

The name of this man  
is John Smith

No 213 E. 126<sup>th</sup> St. City

Very Respectfully  
Geo Thompson

*John M. Thompson & Co.,*  
*Real Estate,*  
*Members of Real Estate Exchange,*  
*7 Pine St. New York.*

TELEPHONE 3438 CORTLANDT.

J. M. T. -L.

April 12th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
City Hall,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

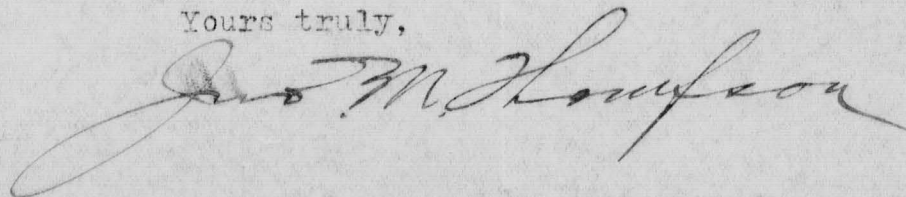
I enclose herewith my application for the office of Notary Public with the request that you endorse it.

I take this liberty as I was introduced to you a few days ago by Dr. Tuck of the New York Life Insurance Company and you were kind enough to appoint my partner an auctioneer.

I am a son of Governor Thompson, the Comptroller of the New York Life.

I trust that I am not asking too much of you.

Yours truly,



Enclosure.

Glen Summit  
Feb 28. 1894

To  
Mayor Shong.  
Dear Sir.

I notice an article in  
the Journal of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
relative to the  
proposed 'Vegetable'  
Garden on Rikers Island  
I thought it would be a  
good idea to drop you  
a line. I am making a  
change. Having been  
here on the Mountains  
about three years.  
we have a large veg  
garden. The finest  
within a hundred miles

and grow, mince  
crops off the finest  
Vegetables, my present  
Employer will give  
me an excellent  
Recommendation.

I have been in the  
business over 25 years  
and perfectly understand  
the business, in every  
respect. I have had  
Charge here of ten  
men. My Employer  
owns several Coal  
mines. and has a  
splendid Residence  
on top of the Mountain.  
we are English people  
and have one child  
a daughter aged 16.

if you can do any thing  
for me. I would  
use my utmost  
endeavours to give  
satisfaction.

Respt Yours  
George Lipping  
Glen Summit  
Lusarne Co  
P. A.

F. C. TRAVERS, Prest.

A. F. TRAVERS, Vice Prest.

V. P. TRAVERS, Treas.

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New York. Mar 11th 1897

WAREHOUSE  
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ROPE, TWINE & HAMMOCK FACTORY.

Orders will be entered subject to the following conditions:  
"Strikes of operatives, or any unavoidable cause will  
relieve us from prompt fulfillment of contracts".

Hon W. L. Strong  
Dr Sir

I would recommend to you for the position  
of Supt of outdoor Poor

Mr John. J. Coady  
he is better fitted for this position than any  
man I know of and would make you  
a good man to fill the place of Mr Blake  
I hope you will approve him

Yr F. C. Travers Prest

New York City Sep 12<sup>th</sup> 1897

The Honorable W L Strong  
D. Sir

I most respectfully write to inform you that, as there was no immediate prospect of my procuring a position through the very kind endeavors of your Honor, I have been reluctantly forced to go back again to the retail dry goods business, for which I am sorry and for reasons best known to myself (age size and knee trouble among the very considerably) I am employed in the Siegel Cooper Co dress goods dept. since the first of this month. As I have no desire to trouble your Honor too much, but, from the very great interest and kindness you have shown me without a friend to introduce or a dollar in my pocket I dare still hope on. Your Honor may kindly keep me in memory and possibly at some future period you may again use your influence in procuring me some city position that will better suit my years and assist in smoothing the down hill journey of life. Col Wairing's deputy has been out some expectations to me after C. M. Curry's death. Thanking you for your great kindness I am honorable Sir your most obt & humble servant, M. Curry 205 E 107<sup>th</sup> St - City

New York (57 Broadway)  
Mar. 4. '97

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
No. 75 North St  
Searsville,

I respectfully request  
your consideration in any matter  
requiring the services of a special  
accountant. I have practiced  
in this City since 1882, with the  
exception of the few years last  
past, (during which I was Secretary of the  
Spruckels Sugar Ref. Co. Philadelphia.)

Yours truly  
J. Demuth

J. Clem<sup>t</sup> Uhler,

Special Accountant,

57 Broadway.

Formerly

Paying teller London & San Fran<sup>co</sup>. Bank. Lim<sup>d</sup>.

San Francisco. (Cap<sup>l</sup> \$3,000,000.)

Manager of Stock Clearing House of the  
Mining Trust Co. New York.

Secretary of the Spreckels' Sugar Refin-  
ing Company, Philadelphia.

Designer of systems employed by the  
above - - and others.

New York. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Hon. Mayor. Strong.  
Dear Sir.

I beg your pardon while I trouble you with a few lines. but this is the only chance for me for wherever I go I always get the same answer. We have no work. I am out of work 9 months and still have no chance to get any I have a Family to support. I am in great distress besides I have two sick children and I have no work nor any money. Please have pity over me and my Wife and two small children. God only knows the Truth we are in the lowest degree of starvation I beg you upon my knees with a bleeding <sup>heart</sup> have Pity over me and my poor Family. by giving me some work for I only want to work for my Family.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible  
I Remain yours Truly Louis Ungersicker.  
113 Lewis Str. City.

Louis Hungerbider  
No 113 Lewis St.  
City.

May 30th.  
To Mr. J. M. L. Strong. Personal

Pill you pardon my  
addressing you & that my  
letter was so different  
apology. My husband  
is within three years was  
a wealthy business man  
an old knicker-bocker

misfortune came and through  
no fault of his own he lost  
everything that he was re-  
duced from wealth and social  
position to absolute need. Al-  
though my husband had tried  
in every way he could get us  
position. Although capable  
of filling any kind of our  
we have three children and have  
had much sickness and trouble

not singly but in battalions  
knowing you to be one of the  
robust of God's creation. I write  
to ask if you can give or help  
either my husband or myself  
a position. We must have money  
to live. And I will take any  
thing that offers. My thick  
etc. late Rev. Gen. of this was  
widely known and I think  
whom many times was printed

out for you. No working was the  
appearance. I am only a wife  
only a mother. But am almost  
crushed by the trouble which  
confronts me. I trust that my  
letter may be confidential. I  
have been educated and feel  
my position terribly. Could I  
be allowed to tell you. It is that  
forbidden by a woman. I  
thought that your influence  
is unlimited. If you can

only help me to some position  
I would be so happy. I can  
give the best of references.  
Trusting I shall not be pre-  
suming but only begging that  
a mother's letter & anxiety  
for her children be taken as  
apology. Confidentially

Mrs. Mary L. Vanderhoof  
967 Park Ave.  
City

New York  
Hon. Wm Strong  
Mayor of the City of N.Y.

Dear Sir

I trust you.

will pardon me for intruding  
upon your most valuable time  
but knowing of your influence  
and also your vast knowledge  
of the business men of this  
city I take the liberty to  
write you a few lines to ask  
you if you could possibly  
assist a young man who is  
the only support of his widowed

mother to find something  
to do. I energetic and  
ambitious and care not  
how hard the work may  
be. so if you know of anything  
you could put in my way  
I can assure you. words could  
but feebly express my gratitude  
asking you again to pardon  
this intrusion I remain

Very truly Yours

Wm S. Van Riper  
Hoxw. 33 St.



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WM. MARTIN, Chairman Ex. Committee.

New York, Tues. Aug. 26, 1897.

Hon. William Strong:

Dear Sir;

Pardon me for addressing to you these few lines, but necessity is compulsion and I am compelled to apply to you.

Let me tell you who I am, before I go any farther. I am a destitute Cuban, an American citizen, with an American wife and baby. Two years before the war I went to Cuba to work a piece of land that I have there. The war came upon me and destroyed all the prospects in life that I had.

I have been in New York for the last two years, struggling to get a living. Just about now I am to the end of the rope, and that is why I appeal to you for work as that is what I need to support my family. I am very much pushed, and sometimes I feel desperate enough to do anything. I hope you will take me out of the critical state which I am now in as you know when a father sees his family in want what he is capable of doing. I don't care for myself, but my baby and wife must live. I can furnish you with the best of references as to who I am



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I hope you will kindly attend to this and place me in some corner where I can work, and earn just enough money to help me along. I will mention to you my references.

Dr. Thomas Wilder 610 Lex. Av.

Dr. V B arnet 96 Lex. Av.

Henry Clarr Mills B Building.

Jack Ruppert 92nd St + 3rd Av.

All these gentlemen know me personally, but as I am

not begging I don't go to them.  
What I need is work and  
they can't give it to me.

I am physically strong to  
do manual work of any kind.

Please look into this and  
save me from my close quarters.

Oblige,

Yours respectfully,

C. J. de Varona,

184 First Av.,

New York.

N. Y.

New York.  
Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> 1897.

Hon. Silas C. Croft.

My Dear Sir.

Kindly  
permit me to inform you  
that on Thursday  
last, I had my  
application put on  
file and Mr Barri  
promised to bring it  
before the board at  
their next meeting.  
Would you please and  
try and see if you can  
spare time enough  
to see the Mayor about  
it, and ask him to  
vote for it. This place  
is a permanent place  
and is a life time

situation for me  
providing I get  
appointed and mind  
it. Please give this your  
immediate attention.

Hoping that you will  
comply with the above  
I remain yours

Very Respectfully

Augustus Verity  
72 East 43<sup>rd</sup> St  
City



Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

*Silas C. Craft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. O'Brien, "*

H. G. WEAVER, Secretary.

March 22d, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong ,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed letter is from an applicant for appointment as Bridge Policeman, who is endorsed by a number of responsible people, among whom are Mr. J. Seaver Page, - one of the Bridge Trustees, Gen'l Anson G. McCook, etc. He has urged me frequently to speak with you about it, but I have refrained from so doing, not caring to annoy you with matters other than of an official nature. He is, however, a very worthy young man and competent, and being out of employment it appeals to me to do all I can to assist him.

This is my excuse for troubling you in the matter, and if you can consistently help I shall appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

(Enclosure.)

*S. C. Craft*  
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TELEPHONE, 4807 CORTLANDT.

LAW OFFICES,

JNO. J. ADAMS,

820 BROADWAY,  
83 & 86 LIBERTY ST.

ROOMS 39 TO 43.

GEO. J. VESTNER.  
EDMUND D. HENNESSY.  
JOHN T. REED.

NEW YORK,

December 30 1897

Hon. W.L. Strong - Mayor  
City Hall N.Y. City,  
My Dear Mr Mayor:

As you will recall after  
I refresh your memory I attended  
with Mr Adams when you were sworn  
in as Mayor before Mr Justice Barrett  
and performed the first act on your  
behalf as the incoming Mayor i. e.  
fixing your oath of office in the  
proper places. I now suggest  
as a close to your administration  
my recommendation to the Corporation Council  
for appointment as a Commissioner for the  
new park to be laid out on the upper  
west side which comes up before  
Justice Truax in Special Term Part III  
tomorrow the 31<sup>st</sup> inst.

Hoping you will see your way clear  
to do this I remain Your Rep. Geo. Vestner

C

New York March 28<sup>th</sup> 1897  
Honorable Mayor Strong  
Dear sir.

I have been considering a very long time whether I should take the opportunity of writing to your honorable Highness and have decided now to do so I wish to ask a great favor of you as a poor citizen and hope that it shall speedily be granted

I have been a Resident of New York City since the past 17 years and have also been a Member of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Regiment N. Y. S. M. Y. of which I have been Honorably discharged I have always been

able to Earn an Honest  
Living and Support my  
family up to about a year  
ago. it is now (10) Ten Months  
Since I have made Application  
in the Street Cleaning

Department as Sweepers  
and have passed the Doctors  
Examination well and was  
told to wait-until I will  
be called and I had to wait  
ever since. now Dear Mayor  
as I have no one that could  
give me assistance in getting  
the position I therefore hope  
you will aid me in getting  
it soon I have a Wife and  
3 Small Children which are  
looking to me for support  
daily and it would be a  
great Charitable act of you

if you will soon get me  
on as a sweeper in the  
Street Cleaning Department  
& shall always be very  
thankful to you and may  
God bless for it.

from your Humble servant  
August Volkman  
No. 247 E. 77<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York City

98 Wall St.  
May 13-97.

My dear Mr. Mayor-

In case you have not  
appointed all the Committee to meet the  
South American Merchants, I should like  
to suggest Mr. Thos. H. Messenger of 161 Maiden  
Lane, head of one of the oldest Commission houses  
in our City and Mr. H. R. Kunkhardt, who  
without doubt you are well acquainted <sup>with</sup> both  
have business interests with South and Central  
America, as being worthy of your consideration.

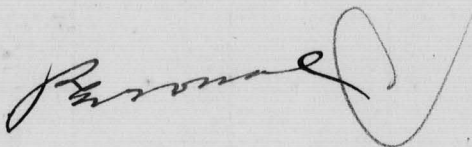
Sincerely yours

Abraham Wakeman

Z.

The Wm L. Strong  
Mayor City of New York.

Office of the Appraiser of Merchandise,  
Port of New York, U. S.,



Sept. 2, 1897.

His Honor, the Mayor,

William L. Strong,

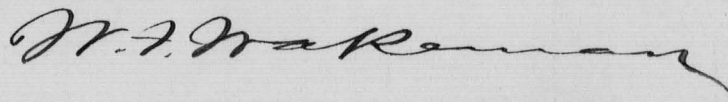
Mayor's Office, New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Mayor.

Pardon the delay in answering yours of August 23, regarding Mr. Samuel G. French. I should be very glad to have him here as one of the Assistant Appraisers, but fear that his candidacy was suggested rather late as there are many seeking the three remaining places.

However, I shall be glad if you will write to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Interior upon the subject.

Very respectfully yours,



*Office of the Appraiser of Merchandise,*  
PORT OF NEW YORK, N. Y.,

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Appraiser.

SUBJECT:

No. of Inclosures, .....

New York April 24/97  
Mr W. L. Strong Esq

Dear Sir

I am an Honorably  
discharged Union Veteran  
and am Credited to New York's  
quota of Volunteers

I Served on the Monitor Manhattan  
in Admiral Harriguts fleet  
I have never sought reward  
from National, State or City  
Govts as entitled to by Law  
Could you please put me in  
the way of getting work  
so that I can make a living  
I have been out of work  
since New Years and

See no prospects of getting  
any by my own exertions

hoping you will excuse  
the liberty I take

I Remain

Yours Respectfully

John Wallace  
41 Bowery

Address  
72 E. 112<sup>ST</sup>

Ny Sept 23<sup>d</sup> /94

Dear Sir

If you <sup>want</sup> more men  
On the public works  
kindly let me hear from  
you i was one season with  
Gen. collis dismissed he  
said with regrets i was  
<sup>want</sup> Assist foreman if you  
Watchman doorkeeper  
mosts aney thing as i have  
Been iddle along time would be  
Thankfull

Reference Alderman  
Charles A. Parker. Respectfully  
A. H. Ward

New-York January 29/97

Hon. William L. Strong

Dear Sir.

I take the liberty of writing to you to explain my Case. I have been on the eligible list of the Fire Department for the past 9 months I filled my application in the month of April 1895. Was called for Medical and physical examination in February 1896 was called for Mental examination on 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1896 - Was notified that I was on the Eligible list April 30<sup>th</sup> 1896 - with a Rating 79  $\frac{2}{11}$ . I was (4) fourth on the eligible list on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1896. Now I do not think it is fair that I was not appointed. As I have always been a Republican and a good Hustler and I know of Tammany Hall men being appointed. And therefore I

am getting laughed at for my -  
faithfulness to the Party - I can bring  
References from Business Men.

Hoping you will give my Case a fair  
Hearing

Respectfully —  
John J Ward

767 Greenwich St  
City

P. S. I cannot go through another  
examination as the age limit will  
Bar me.

Mountville S C  
Jan 2. 1887

Dear Sir

I write to you to know if I can get-  
Position on the police force in that city I am  
a poor man working for my living I hope and trust  
the in the lord that you will do all you can to get  
me a place on the force I am a stout man 6½ ft tall  
weigh nearly 200 lbs I will close hoping to hear from  
you soon and oblige I am willing to pay you for your  
trouble I can give you all the references you want as to  
my character

Yours Truly

J. M. Masson

P O Mountville  
Laurens county  
S. C.

P. S. Please write and tell <sup>me</sup> how to <sup>to</sup> get a  
Position if you can not get me one

J. M. Masson

New York, Nov. 17th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

If you have not made a choice for the unexpired term of the Supervisor of the City Record I beg to say that I have no objection to serving for the balance of Mr. Sleicher's term

I have been editor and publisher in New York for fifteen years. Most men in the advertising and publishing business know me. My work included the editorship for seven years of the American Newspaper Directory.

Hundreds of signatures can be obtained requesting my selection if necessary.

*WLB* I passed a Civil Service examination here for the municipal service some years ago. My percentage was 94.

I have various interests to look after but I will make time to attend efficiently to the duties connected with the City Record.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Wattenberg*

*St. Paul Building,  
New York }*

ALBERT L. WEBSTER,  
CIVIL AND SANITARY ENGINEER,  
107 DREXEL BUILDING,  
CORNER WALL AND BROAD STREETS.

NEW YORK, October 4th, 1898

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

N. Y. City.

Dear Sir :-

If the city contemplates employing an expert for the Plumbing Work in the new Court of Records to be built in the City Hall Park, I beg to submit my name for your consideration.

I was expert for the Board of Police Commissioners for the new Charles Street Police Station, and am at present employed as expert by the New York Athletic Club, in connection with the plumbing, refrigerating machinery and under drainage work in the new Club house.

The Plumbing in the City Hall was put in under my direction when I was expert for the Department of Public Works, during General John Newton's term of office as Commissioner.

I beg to refer to the following gentlemen who are among my clients :

E. V. W. Rossiter,	Treas. N.Y.C. & H.R.R.R.
Jas. Whitely,	Pres. N. Y. Athletic Club.
A. G. Mills,	Vice Pres. Otis Elevator Co.
Edward D. Adams,	Pres. Niagara Power Co.
Edward Winslow,	Winslow, Lanier & Co.
Wm. SooySmith,	SooySmith & Co.
Gustav E. Kissel,	Pres. Kessler & Co.
H. P. Kunhardt,	Pres. Kunhardt & Co.
W. B. Hornblower.	

ALBERT L. WEBSTER,  
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Henry C. Meyer,        Editor Engineering & Building Record.  
Dr. Francis P. Kinnicutt,  
Richard E. Hoe.

Work has also been done under my direction in the  
following buildings :

Flower Hospital.  
N. Y. Infirmary for Women and Children.  
Protestant Half Orphan Asylum.  
Orphan Asylum of St. Vincent de Paul.  
First National Bank, New Haven.  
Yale College Chemical Laboratory, New Haven.  
Carnegie Building,    Pittsburg,  
Halycon Hall,         Millbrook, N.Y.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Albert L. Webster". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

ALBERT L. WEBSTER,  
CIVIL AND SANITARY ENGINEER,  
107 DREXEL BUILDING,  
CORNER WALL AND BROAD STREETS.

NEW YORK,.....October 7,.....1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 5th inst. in reply to my letter of the 4th inst. implies that you interpret my letter as a request for the contract for plumbing in the New Hall of Records.

I beg to correct this impression by stating that I asked to have my name considered as expert Sanitary Engineer to design and superintend the plumbing and associated work, if the city contemplates employing an expert for this purpose, as is now frequently done in connection with large and important buildings.

Respectfully yours,

*Albert L. Webster*

E. S. WEBSTER,

Law Stenographer,

Nos. 1419-20-21 VANDERBILT BUILDING,

132 NASSAU STREET,

NEW YORK, October 4th 1897

TELEPHONE, 1662A CORTLANDT.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, etc., etc.,

City Hall, N. Y. City, New York.

Dear Sir:-

In December, 1895, I held the position of official Stenographer in the Superior Court of this City, and was looking forward with some pleasure to the prospect of being transferred from that position, to a similar position in the Supreme Court, under the Judiciary Article of the New Constitution, and the Act of Legislature of 1895, carrying out the provisions thereof. I felt reasonably sure of promotion, until there appeared upon the scene, Mr. Alexander, then holding the position of Stenographer in your Honor's office. I understand, that, owing to the candidacy of Mr. Alexander, I was forced to stand aside, my name was dropped, and I was compelled to forego the great honor I had sought, and one which it had been always my ambition to attain, - Stenographer in the Supreme Court of this State. I had worked myself upward from a District Court, thence into the Superior City Court, and was anticipating reaching the highest Court in this State, when I was

set aside for your Honor's candidate. I did so, and have been trying ever since to procure my re-instatement, but, until this moment in vain, no vacancy occurring in the force serving in the Supreme Court.

On Thursday last, - I very much regret to state, - Mr. Alexander suddenly died, and his sudden demise leaves a place vacant, for which I am a candidate.

I make no claim upon your Honor, - in fact owe you an apology for taking this much of your valuable time, - but, knowing after three years, of the great fairness, sense of justice, and kindness of heart of your Honor, I seek you now, and ask you, if, in view of the death of Mr. Alexander, and in view of the fact that I made way for him, at a moment when the ambition of professional career was about to be attained, you will not endorse me, and aid me with your powerful influence, to reach the position I have sought so long? I shall have other friends speak for me, but I much wish the standing, and the strength which your Honor's aid will give me, personally, and for the facts above stated.

That you may not feel that you are endorsing one whose is unworthy of your assistance now, I might state, that I am the eldest son of Col. George P. Webster, who, for four years, was Member of our State Legislature, and for three years, Chairman of the Committee of Cities of the Lower House, and that I served for nine years as a Court stenographer in this City, three of them being in the service of the late Superior City Court, with, I am confident, the approbation and commendation of the Judges of that Court.

E. S. WEBSTER,

Law Stenographer,

Nos. 1419-20-21 VANDERBILT BUILDING,

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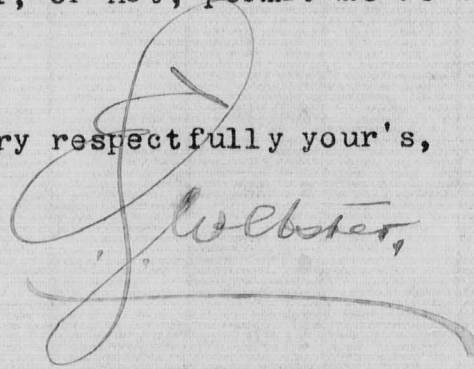
TELEPHONE, 1662A CORTLANDT.

(Hon.W.L.S.No. 2.)

If your Honor feels that, on this statement of facts, I am in a position to seek your aid and influence now, I will be in a position to call upon your Honor at any hour you may name, and state the facts more clearly and fully than I may be able to do in this letter.

With the fullest assurances of my great respect and esteem for your Honor in any event, whether I be successful in this effort to enlist you in my behalf, or not, permit me to be, my dear Sir,

Very respectfully your's,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. S. Webster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

WHEELER & CORTIS.

EVERETT P. WHEELER.  
HAROLD G. CORTIS.  
JOHN S. WOODRUFF.

CHARLES S. HAIGHT.

TELEPHONE, "1641 BROAD."  
CABLE ADDRESS, "MOTOR."

ALDRICH COURT, 45 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, Feb. 13th 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My dear Sir:-

I have just learned that Mr. M. A. Lesser is a candidate for the position of First Assistant Corporation Attorney. If you should be consulted about the appointment, I think you may safely speak well of Mr. Lesser. He is very familiar with the great district lying east of the Bowery and Third Avenue, is an excellent linguist, and a good lawyer. I think he would make an efficient public servant, and in the interest of the public I should be glad if he might receive the appointment. I know by experience with foreign witnesses and clients, that an acquaintance with their language is of very great service, and that no interpreter can take the place of personal knowledge of the language. Indeed my experience with interpreters is that <sup>some of them</sup> ~~they~~ translate very much in the sense in which "Bottom was translated" in "Midsummer Nights Dream."

Yours truly,

*Everett P. Wheeler*

Sept 14<sup>th</sup>  
J. R. Dorman Esqr.

Dear Sir

at the  
meeting of Pilots last night it  
was reported that the steamer  
Munichohonnock, dept of Connet-  
-ion, was without a pilot.  
and running with a connict  
instead. When I was on  
this boat Mr Hatch and  
the Captain promised me  
the position. do you know  
of any one who has any  
influence in the dept.  
that I could get a note

to Mr Hatch: or get them  
to speak for me I passed  
the Civil Service and  
am also Licensed Pilot if  
you can assist me in any  
way I would be very grateful

Obliged Very Respt  
Capt D. E. Wiley

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NEW YORK, Sept. 17th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,  
New York.

My Dear Sir:-

You will remember my conversation with you regarding Captain David L. Wilcox. I enclose a letter from him, stating that there is a vacancy for pilot, which is required to be filled, on the steamer "Minnehonnonk." Now, am I asking too much to get you to say a word in his favor? I can assure you that he is thoroughly capable, both as regards character and ability, and very worthy. Trusting you may find this practicable and agreeable to you, I remain,

Very gratefully yours,

*J. R. Dorman*

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Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1897

Hon W. L. Strong Mayor  
My dear Sir

I want to thank  
you personally for your kind  
and prompt response to my  
request for Capt W. H. Dilcock  
You will have the best wishes  
of a large and worthy family  
for your kindness

Again thanking you I am  
Very Respectfully  
Yours  
J. R. Dorman

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 97

Hon. Wm. J. Strong Mayor

My Dear Sir

Last June I was appointed pilot on the Minnehannock by Mr Hatch and after serving one month to the Captain's satisfaction I was discharged by Mr Wright to give place to a man who the Captain says is of no use to him, and no sailor whatever. At the time I was receiving \$50. per month from the Steam B. Co. for which I had been Captain for twenty years. I notified them on taking the position and the allowance stopped, so I lost both places and have been out of work since with a family to support. I am a veteran of the war, and have passed two examinations have been Master for thirty five years. I most respectfully request any vacancy or position that you can assist me to get

Very Respectfully Wm.  
Capt D. L. Wilcox

1 Spencer Court  
Brooklyn

Mr Strong

South Brooklyn Mar 8

Dear Sir

I am American born in Norwich  
Connecticut 58 years ago and  
my ancestors date back to the  
Mayflower

now I see that you appointed Mr  
Julius Harbinger to succeed Mr  
Blake and he would not  
take the place

now I have no Political backing  
at all but have always been  
on the right side.

Will you give me the position for  
I need it bad being subject  
to the Asthma which prevents  
me from working at my trade  
and I do not know how to make

Both ends meet

If you give me the place I can  
fill it for I have a common  
school education. I am a good  
judge of human nature I know  
a fraud from an honest man  
every time.

I can bring you references from good  
substantial men as to honesty  
temperance and morality.

If you choose me for the place  
no politician will be jealous for  
I am not one

If you do not feel like giving me  
that place, see if you can give  
me anything else which does not  
require any physical labor or  
account of the customer

now Mr Strong I want you to read  
this part.

My wife was attacked with Rheum-  
atic Gout and we had two Dr

who prescribed all kinds of  
medicines for her with out and  
benefit at all. When an old  
woman told my wife to get a  
bottle of Pico when I laughed  
at it she said the name was enough  
for to kill it. but my wife  
bought it and it said it  
was good for only all kinds  
of Rheumatism.

well she 4 or 5 doses the Gout  
left her but she took the rest  
of the bottle. now you can buy  
the bottle for \$1.00 and I want  
you to try it not to benefit me  
but yourself donot fail to do so  
and let me know results I donot  
sell it and I know you have  
had thousands of things given  
or prescribed for you. Perhaps in  
among them some one has sent  
you Pico & so donot fail to take

5  
In the mean time donot neglect  
to appoint me Outside Supt of  
the poor and you will see I  
am as good for that position  
as Col Waring Is for Supt of  
streets and the is outside of  
the state

Hoping to hear from you  
soon I Remain Res  
Yours

John W Williams  
#237-49 St  
South Brooklyn  
N.Y

JOHN W. WILLIAMS,  
237-49TH STREET,  
SOUTH BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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South Brooklyn Mar 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir

I reciev'd your letter stating that the  
Position which I applied for was  
already filled.

now Mr Strong when I applied for  
that place I was not so foolish  
as to think I could get it.

But if you read my letter you  
saw that I was willing to take a  
place ~~ex~~ as low as I could get  
providing it didnt require any  
Physical labor on account of  
the Asthma.

Even if it was but \$12<sup>00</sup> per  
week

now Mr Strong you hear a great  
many times after a man or

woman has moved Heaven and  
Earth for just enough work to  
keep soul and body together  
that they are found dead. Why  
did not they come to me I would  
of given them work or put them  
in the way of it.

Do you find many Americans  
begging I don't but a great  
many Americans are so hard  
pushed just now, that they  
would be justified in so doing  
But let this go I am very  
much obliged to you for so  
much as answering my foolish  
letter to you

I don't think that a good Amer-  
ican can get a job in the city  
department,  
and if I had my mind I  
would not ask it for I am as  
good a carpenter as the next

But cannot work at it

Respectfully Yours

John W. Williams  
237-49 St  
South Brooklyn  
N.Y.

July 24<sup>th</sup> / 97.

24 Ann St.  
New Haven Conn.  
To. Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir.

would you be kind enough to  
inform me if there is any  
prospect of my Husband  
getting a position of some  
kind in the Public Works  
Department or the Street  
cleaning Dpt. of New York.  
we came here from Carver  
Island N.Y. My Husband  
served in the U.S. Army thro  
12½ years and has three  
honorable discharges besides  
personal recommendations.

from Officers and from Men  
he has worked for outside.  
etc. he is at present employed  
in the N. H. & H. Railroad shops  
in this City as Time smith  
which is his trade. The work  
does not appear to be stationary  
and the Climate does not  
agree with either myself or

Husband its very Malarial  
my husband is 31 years  
old. is industrious and Strictly  
Sober. does not indulge in  
Liquor or Spirits of any kind.

has no bad habits and is  
fairly Intelligent during his  
army Service. he has at various  
times worked in the quarter  
master Department. having  
charge of the shops and

Mechanics. he could not  
undertake any thing that  
would require a great deal  
of book keeping or clerking  
of any kind but if there  
was a chance of acting  
as Inspector or overseer  
or any thing in that capacity  
he is just such a Man.

You could confer a great  
favor by giving this your  
attention or referring it to  
someone that has the  
authority of that office.

my husband is employed  
from 6.30 A.M. to 6.30 P.M.  
therefore I decided to  
appeal to you myself. Hoping  
to soon rec a favorable reply  
I am very truly Mrs W. Williams

Mr W. Williams  
24 Ann St.  
New Haven. Conn.

acxgd  
July 20/97

Winterhaven, Fla., July 19/87.

Hon. W. L. Strong;  
New York City.

Dear Sir: It may not take a great effort of the memory, on your part, to recall Joseph F. Kinniger of Hayesville, Ohio, though a considerable one to recall his daughter, Jennie. But it is that daughter who now asks a kindness at your hands. My Husband, Chas. E. Wilson, seeks the appointment as Postmaster here. He is a life-long Republican, and comes of good old Republican stock by way of Pennsylvania. My political antecedents you know. His principal opponent, R. H. Peacock, is a member of the County Republican Executive Committee and as such by misrepresentation and the use of fraudulent proxies secured the endorsement of the Committee, though my Husband had the personal endorsement of eleven out of a possible sixteen. (Committee consists of 17) Peacock gained a further advantage by guiltily hyping out the property of the Democratic incumbent and

thus securing his resignation, though he had nearly  
two years to serve. Aware that my husband's paper  
had not gone forward, he then early gained the  
appointment. But my husband at once, through  
Senator Quay, entered a protest, showing (1) that though  
an application had been filed in his behalf, he had  
received no notice that the matter was to be taken up,  
and (2), that a majority of the Co. Rep. Ex. Com. over  
their signature repudiated their previous endorsement  
of R. H. Proctor, secured as it was, and recommended my  
husband. Now though Proctor's name has been approved,  
his commission has not issued. But it may mean  
a hard fight yet; and the favor I desire of you, is that  
you will use your influence with the Administration  
in my husband's behalf. You will know how this can  
best be done, but I trust promptly and vigorously, for  
Father's sake, if not my own. Father would write  
himself, but he is very ill, not to live long we are  
afraid, as he has Dropsy, and the Doctor does not  
give us any hopes. Mother is well, and plans to take Father  
to Kansas, if he is ever able to make the trip. Both wish  
to be remembered to you  
Yours respectfully, Jennie Kuehner Wilson

187 Henry Street, N.Y.

May 3, 1897.

Honorable William L. Strong,  
Mayor, New York City.

Honorable Sir:-

Permit an humble  
citizen to suggest to your Honor  
the name of Mr. J. Augustus  
Johnson, as a most worthy  
person to succeed the late Mr.  
Van Arsdale as member of the  
Board of School Commissioners.

Mr. Johnson would  
bring to the Board of Education,  
if appointed, a thorough and  
masterly appreciation of the  
needs of our public schools,  
a matter to which he has  
devoted years of earnest  
study.

The fact that your

Honor recently appointed Mr. Johnson a member of the Sailors' Lodging House Board, justifies the writer in believing that his name, if brought to Your Honor's notice will receive the serious consideration that it deserves.

Your obedient servant,  
Abr. L. Wolbarst.

Wednesday Aug 11/97  
Hon. Wm L. Strong.

Dear Sir,

In the early  
part of June I called  
upon you, presenting a  
letter written by myself  
in which I asked for  
employment of any kind  
I was referred by you  
to Gen C. H. T. Collis. I  
have lately seen him and  
am informed that I am  
on the list for Inspector  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue RR

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but the Lord only knows  
when my name will be  
reached. To be as brief  
as possible I am in Ex-  
treme want. I Enclose  
herewith a Slip of paper  
given to me at Police  
Hd qrs showing the Vote  
in the 17<sup>th</sup> Election District  
of the then 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly  
(now 8<sup>th</sup>) District for  
1893 and 1894 - I was  
then stopping at the  
Dakota House No 73  
Bowery - I worked hard  
for your Election - asking  
nothing for my services

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You would have been  
Elected without my work  
You can see we cut  
downing illegal voting from  
459 to 260 - '93 vote  
was 29 Rep - '94 vote  
was as you can see

Grant 136

Strong 124

I got married in 1895  
and am now living on  
the west side - I am  
liable to be put out with  
my wife tonight from our  
furnished room. I have  
hesitated long before

4.  
writing you this note  
If you should feel  
inclined to assist me  
in the way of payment  
for work done in 1894-  
it would be acceptable.  
I am anxious to get  
work - I have never re-  
ceived one penny for my  
work heretofore from my  
party and dislike very  
much now to accept any  
but it is simply a case  
of "Necessity knows no  
Law" - Trusting this will  
be treated Confidentially

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Surovate 1893

Arnold 430.

Downley 29.

1894

Grant 136

Strong 154.

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and that I may get  
an answer either "Yes or  
No" by Bearr -

I am yours truly

Frank P. Wood.  
158 Sullivan St.

P.S. I sent this over to  
City Hall just now (2 PM) and  
find you will not be down today.  
If you are down to morrow -  
(Thursday) will send for answer  
during the AM

Yours  
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16th  
NEW YORK, Jan. 27. 1897.

Dear Mr. Higginson,

I have just had a talk with Mr. Hastings, and he says he will be glad to join our board of school-inspectors; and that we are at liberty to present his name to the Mayor. He seemed to feel much interest in the subject.

His name is Thomas Hastings; residence, No. 27

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I am very glad to be  
able to report his acceptance.

Very Truly Yours,  
Edwin D. Worcester, jr.

To  
Mr. Jas. J. Higginson,  
No. 16 East 41st Street.

New York, July 30th, 1897.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

If Grant resigns why don't you appoint Thomas P. Wickes Police Commissioner? He is a lawyer, 45 years old and a man of force and character. For twelve years he was an assistant in the Law Department and thus became very familiar with all municipal affairs. He would everlastingly sit on Parker. In a word he is the kind of a man Andrews is, only I think he has more energy and of course more experience than Andrews.

Ask Francis M. Scott about Mr. Wickes. He knows him probably better than I do; for they were associates in the Law Department.

I know you very well. You have done me a service many times; and I am trying to return some of your kindness by making this suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

Wall Street.

To  
Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, etc.,  
City Hall.

New York May 12, 1897.

Honorable Mayor Strong.  
Sir,

Pardon me for having the audacity of calling at your office yesterday. But as your honor has been most kind and promised, if I would write and explain, you would do what you can for me. Allow me to introduce my brother Kencidans Kouba, who is a graduate of the University medical college of New York City. He desiring to occupy a position as assistant physician, in Bellevue hospital, he waited for examinations, to which he was not admitted. Being sacrificed with whole soul and life to his medical profession, and desiring to continue his studies, He appeals to your honor to secure him one of positions of intern physicians in German hospital or any other hospital in city.

Pegging your honor to grant  
my request.

I am sir yours  
very Respectfully

Miss Belle Zankowski  
228 East 80 St  
New York city

Mr V. F. Houba.

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8 BROAD STREET.

BRAYTON IVES

Nov. 10.<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Dear Mr. Mayor -

I am about to appear before you in a new rôle - that of an office Seeker. Fortunately however it is not for myself.

If the place of the late Gen. Crane is not yet filled I beg to suggest the name of Mr. William E. Rogers as one who would fill the position with credit to the appointing power & himself - and to the advantage of the public. Doubtless you know Mr. Rogers, but it may not be amiss to say that he is especially qualified to discharge the duties of this office. A graduate

of West Point, he served in the  
Engineer Corps for some years. Since  
leaving the Army, he has served many  
years as Rail Road Commissioner, and  
it is not too much to say that the  
greater part of the credit for the  
good work of the Commission is  
due to him. While he is now en-  
gaged in the practice of law, he  
devotes much time & thought to public  
affairs and is unusually well  
informed concerning them. His  
private character is beyond reproach.

I shall not apologize for bringing  
his name before you - for I consider  
that in doing so I am possibly  
rendering to yourself & the public a  
material service. With great respect -  
I am, Yours truly,  
Hon. W. L. Strong Mayor. Mayhew Mrs.

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*New York,* 10th November, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
City Hall,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I see there is a vacancy on the Aqueduct Commission, caused by the death of General Duane, and I understand that it will be your duty to appoint a Democrat in his place.

I am very deeply interested in having Maurice J. Power appointed in place of General Duane. Mr. Power is a man of influence and integrity, of large experience and thoroughly practical in every sense of the word. He would be quite acceptable to the other members of the Commission, and I would be very much indebted to you if, in the performance of your duty to the public, you could see your way to making this appointment. You can be satisfied of one thing:- that there is no more sterling man than Maurice J. Power. He was a friend of Samuel J. Tilden and is a friend of ex-Mayors Hewitt and Cooper, and has always been a steady and active worker for the elevation of the standard of politics in this city.

With very best wishes I am,

Very truly yours,

*W.R. Grace*

*Bureau of the Public Administrator,*

*No. 119 Nassau St., Room 1025,*

*New York, November 10th, 1897*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir: -

The death of General Duane, the President of the Aqueduct Commissioners, will, I presume, make it necessary for you to fill the vacancy by appointment.

The precedent established by Ex-Mayor Hewitt, naming as one member upon this Board, a gentleman who is a Civil Engineer, having met with such general approval, I trust that it will be followed by you in filling the vacancy now occurring, and I beg to suggest for your further consideration the name of a friend of mine, Mr. J. James R. Croes, a gentleman with whom you may be acquainted. Mr. Croes is a Civil Engineer of established reputation, and of large experience in connection with water supplies, drainage and sewerage matters. He was, prior to 1870 connected with the Croton Aqueduct Department for a period of ten years, having built the storage reservoir dam at Boyd's Corners, and later on he was for seven years Engineer to the Department of Public Parks in this City, in charge of the 23rd and 24th Wards. In 1888 he was one of the Board of Experts appointed by the Aqueduct Commission to investigate plans for Quaker Bridge dam. You will no doubt recall him as the Engineer to the Bronx Valley Sewer Commission about a year or two ago.

Should you be pleased to appoint Mr. Croes to the position mentioned, I think you would avail yourself of the services of a gentleman of extended experience and one who is qualified in every way to serve the City faithfully.

Yours respectfully,

(dictated)

*William M. Stoddard*

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*New York,* Nov. 11th, 1897

My dear Sir:-

Mr. J. James R. Croes tells me that he is a candidate for the appointment of <sup>*Aqueduct*</sup> ~~Equipment~~ Commissioner in place of General Duane, whose death is a great loss to the public service. Croes is in every respect fit to succeed the able and distinguished engineer, who is now no more. His professional standing, as well as his personal character, is of the highest eminence, and you may be sure that if you see fit to give him the place, the mantle of General Duane will have fallen upon a worthy successor.

Sincerely yours,

*Frederic S. Hewitt*

To His Honor,

The Mayor.

108 Gold, cor. Frankfort Street,

New York, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1897

Dear Mr. Mayor

If you are seeking a competent engineer to take the place of Gen. Duane on the Aqueduct board I would like to recommend to you Mr. J. F. R. Croes whose eminent fitness for the position will be recognized by his profession and the intelligent public.

Hoping you may be able to appoint Mr. Croes, I remain

Yours very cordially

Samth L.

Hon. William L. Strong

# Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.

148 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York,

November 12th, 1897.



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Sir:

As I understand that you will appoint a Democrat to the position of Aqueduct Inspector, I beg to commend to you my former Fellow-Commissioner the Hon. John P. Faure, who, I understand, is an applicant for the place. I feel, however, that you know Commissioner Faure too well to require any words of praise from me, and can only state that your favorable action in the matter would be appreciated by

Yours most respectfully,

Robert J. Wright

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NEW YORK. December 2nd, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
City Hall,  
New York.

Dear sir;

I am informed that Captain William Henry White is a candidate for the vacant commissionership in the Aqueduct Board.

It gives me great pleasure to bear witness to the high character and sterling worth of Captain White and to express the belief that should you see fit to appoint him to the position he desires, he will prove to be a public-spirited and efficient official and will give satisfaction both to yourself and to the people at large.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. C. Gilson*